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In re Applicati	on of: David P. Workman et al.)	Examiner:	Daniel S. Metzmaier
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For: METHOD OF PREPARING AGGLOMERATED SILICA

ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73 AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set for below, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71 to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor(s).

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints:

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Each an attorney and/or patent agent with Nalco Company, as its attorney and/or patent agent so long as they remain with such company. They will have full power to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive the Letters Patent.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to NALCO COMPANY referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of Assignee.

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